

SOME CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS...

The Holiday Season can be a time of joy, and sharing, as well as a time of sadness and loneliness. For children it is a time of wonder and surprise. For adults, the holidays can bring added anxiety and pressure, and perhaps memories of people past and of things that were. It is so easy for us to be caught up in the material aspects of the season. Because we may have little, sometimes we make the mistake of thinking we can only give little. However,

Christmas is about loving, caring and sharing. Jesus continues to teach us this by his words and actions as presented in the Bible. When we reflect on Christmases past, what we often remember are the good times together with family and friends.

Mimia Bell has been a D-H resident since 1966, having grown up in Georgetown, Georgia. Her face lit up when asked to recall a past Christmas. She speaks of the days of preparation for Christmas dinner and how wonderful it was being with family. **"Honey we had some good times!"** Attending Church Services are an important part of her family life - especially at Christmas, when "the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is celebrated." When asked what Christmas gift is needed today, Mimia responds: "Love-people need to be more loving to one another - and giving and caring. Try to be united as a family. Jesus loves us and we should try to love others and be together as a community."

Phyllis Jenkins, born in Dover, NJ, moved to Newark as a child with her family. She has lived at D-H for the past four years. Christmas for her is a time of sharing the love and generosity of Jesus by giving special gifts to family and friends.

"Christmas is truly a Holy Day - the birth of Jesus Christ." When asked about gifts needed today, Ms. Jenkins thoughtfully responds: "The Christmas gifts I would like everyone to have are understanding, love and patience. Try to be more understanding toward others. Try to give more love to each other. Be patient with your children and teach them the true meaning of Christmas."



Mimia Bell, Dominique Battles and Phyllis Jenkins get into the Christmas Spirit!

Dominique Battles is a bright 9 year old who live with her mother and father at D-H. Dominique celebrates Christmas at her Grandma's with the whole family. There will be a "huge" dinner and gifts for all. Dominique knows that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birthday. "Jesus is nice, blessed and cares about us and tells us to do the right thing - not the wrong thing." Dominique leaves cookies and milk for Santa and tries to be good, because if not, Santa might skip over her house!

When asked what she might say to people this Christmas, Dominique responds: "Stop doing' drugs, cause it's not good for you. Stop smoking, cause it's not good for your lungs. Be kind to others, don't fight. Don't have guns and shoot other people."

These words of a child may speak of a reality close to you. Perhaps the gifts of strength and courage can begin to change this reality.

The gift we all can give is to love our families, our neighbors; to care about ourselves and others; to hope and work for a better life for ourselves and our children. This is what Christmas is all about - this is what life is all about!

May you be blessed with the gifts of the wrapped kind, but more importantly the kind that truly evoke the meaning of the holiday season- love, hope, joy and peace. And may these gifts continue to grow within you throughout the New Year.

Sister Lucinda Borders, FSP

MANAGEMENT NOTES

"RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED"

BY RAY BROWN

Resident volunteers are urgently needed for the following Task:

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| A. Building Captains | Act as a liaison between residents and management/maintenance/social services. Distribute Clarion and News Highlights and flyers. Welcome new residents. |
| B. Neighbor Watch Program | Assist in developing crime watch group. As security is everyone's responsibility, the implementation of this group will enhance the residents' ability to monitor events in and around their location. |
| C. Maintenance Advisory Group | Assist the Seniors Property Manager by bringing outstanding maintenance items to his attention. This may include: broken door locks, intercom, stairway debris and general housekeeping. |

If you wish to volunteer or have any ideas for additional volunteer services, please address your ideas at the next residents meeting, on Tuesday, December 16 at 6pm at the Social Services Office.

WINDOW GUARDS

Management's efforts to provide window guards in windows where children reside.

By Ray Brown

Notices were distributed by Management to all residents requesting that the forms be completed, whether window guards are needed or not, only seventy (70) residents out of 600 units responded.

In addition to being a state of New Jersey mandatory requirement, it is something that may quite possibly save a child's life.

Take the time out for your child, not to look at television, but to save a life!

LET US IN!!!

Management's efforts to provide Pest Control Services to you.

By Ray Brown

No one is letting the exterminator into their unit to allow extermination services to be performed.

As a result, please be advised of the following:

Effective immediately, Management will enforce the following actions;

A. Those apartments not regularly participating in the Pest Control Program will be identified and have the appropriate notices entered into their rental file. This will adversely (negatively) effect their ability to:

1. Enter into a payment plan arrangements for past due monies owed to the landlord.

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Management: Raymond Brown, Juan Ortiz, Ruperta Nazario, Robert Griffin, Stanley Elliott.

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2. Apply for a transfer to another NCC Site.
3. Relocate to another apartment within Douglass Harrison.
4. To be recognized as a good tenant and neighbor. Being a noncooperative tenant will be brought to the attention of the judge when any legal activity is instigated against you.

B. Not regularly allowing Pest Control Services to be performed within your unit is a violation of your lease as your failure to cooperate will contribute to or cause the landlord to be unable to control insect and/or rodent infestations within the site. Keeping your unit clean and safe includes control of insects and vermin.

Remember, no appointment is necessary. All you have to do is to be home on the 2nd Tuesday of the month between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm.

"CRACKDOWN!!!"

By Ray Brown

Management has made a commitment to strictly enforce the terms of your lease. This means that all residents who violate their lease by:

- Causing chronic noise problems
- Having pets
- Creating unsanitary conditions
- Having occupants who are not authorized to reside in the apartment, including relatives
- breaking into units after being locked out
- Causing damage to buildings and grounds
- Causing damage to neighboring or lower apartment
- Causing damage to apartments
- Creating excessive hall and apartment traffic
- Involved in drug trafficking and sales
- Chronic domestic disturbances
- Children drawing graffiti on surfaces
- Failure to make rent payments as required
- Violate terms of payment plans to clear rent arrearages
- Install unauthorized equipment in their apartments

Will be prosecuted by the Landlord.

There will be no exceptions.

"HOLD YOUR COOKING GREASE"

By Ray Brown

Used cooking grease must be placed in containers and thrown out with your household garbage in the dumpsters.

Emptying grease into your kitchen sink, bathroom drains, or toilet do not clear the drain lines from the building before they cause a slow buildup which eventually causes a solid blockage of the system.

These types of costs are eventually passed on to all residents in the form of rent increases due to increased maintenance cases.

Please allow the grease to cool and solidify (harden). It will be much easier to place the solids into a plastic bag and discard with your household garbage.

On-Site Mgmt. Office Hours

Management Office hours are as followed...

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| * Monday-Tuesday | 9:00am -5:00pm |
| * Wednesday | 9:00am -7:00pm |
| * Thursday-Friday | 8:30am -5:00pm |

As this office will be open until 7:00pm on Wednesdays, you may select to use that day to:

- Make Rental Payments
- Inquire about Apartment Availability
- Set-up Appointments with Mgrs. Recertifications



SOCIAL SERVICE CORNER

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ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS

In order to give better service to Douglass Harrison residents, we are up-dating our records.

*If you have not been to our Social Services Office during 1997,
please come in at your earliest convenience. The first 100 residents to come in for an up-date
will receive a gift for each adult and school age child of the household.*

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

BARGAIN SALE

S.O.S. (Steel Wool Soap) Pads

Brillo Soap Pads

I Love My Carpet Deodorizer

The above items are on sale at our office for a real bargain. **SO STOP IN!**

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

We would like to invite each of you to stop by our office on Monday, December 22 from 3:30pm - 4:30pm for some holiday refreshments, festivities, greetings and some raffles from Santa's helpers!

NCC CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

On Monday, December 1, at 5:30pm there will be a Blessing of the Crib, at 545 Orange St. (across from St. Rose of Lima). On Thursday, December 4 at 5:30pm there will be a Christmas Tree Lighting at 140 So. Orange Ave. Refreshment will be served after each ceremony.

ATTENTION BROWN BAG MEMBERS

Payment for December is due on the 5th and 10th. Brown Bag pick-up is Monday, December 29 at 3:30pm

TB SCREENING

On Tuesday, December 9 from 9:00am - 1:00pm representatives from the City Health Dept. will be at our office to talk about TB and provide free TB Screening. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

ATTENTION PARENTS

If you signed up with us for Christmas gifts for your child(ren), please come to our Office during the week of December 15 to pick up the gifts. We have been blessed with groups wanting to contribute to the happiness of our children during this season.



*May you have the gladness of Christmas
which is hope
The spirit of Christmas
which is peace
The heart of Christmas
which is Love*

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RESIDENT • MANAGEMENT • SOCIAL SERVICE MEETING

On November 18 we had our Resident Mtg. The areas discussed are as follows:

1) Management - Three persons from Management will attend all meetings:

- Ray Brown, Manager
- Juan Ortiz, Property Man
- Stanley Elliott, Maintenance

There was a question and answer period involving heating problems, squatters in vacant apts., maintenance issues, and lease violations.

2) Social Services - A reminder of upcoming events:

The meeting ended with a turkey raffle, which Louise Rox won. Congratulations Ms. Rox!

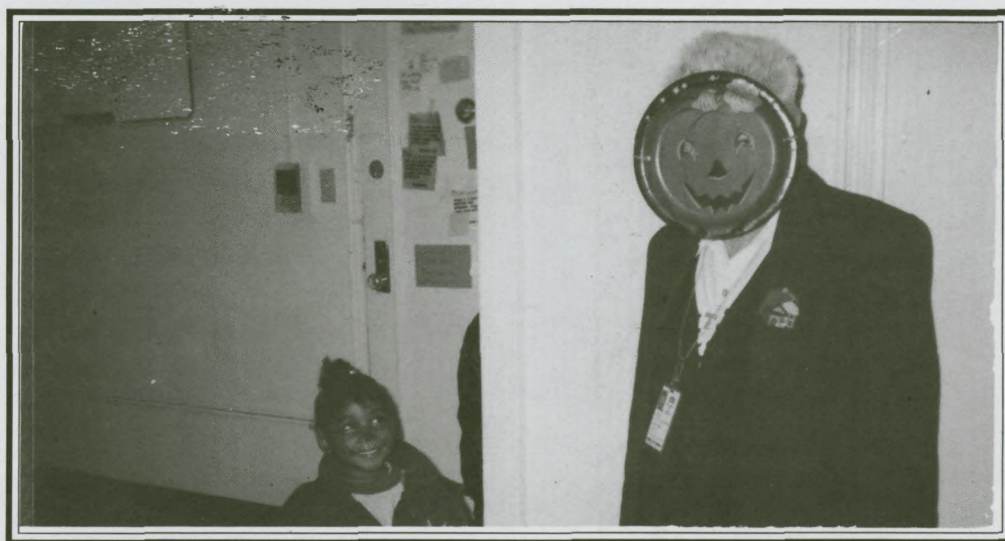
*next meeting is Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00pm at the Social Services Officer. Come and bring a neighbor!!

Early January Planning

Mark your calendars now! The Annual Martin Luther King Scholarship Dinner will be held on Friday, January 16, 1998 at our new Recreation Center on Hayes St. Transportation will be provided and the donation is \$5.00

Thanksgiving Turkey Raffle Winner

Lortta Gordon, a resident of D-H on Somerset St. was our Turkey & Trimmings Winner on November 25 at 11:30am. She will have her 3 children and mother for Thanksgiving Dinner. Ms. Gordon was very thankful to all.



The "Pumpkin Lady" greets our Trick or Treaters. Do you know who she is?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30PM Crib Blessing	2 3:30PM DONUTS	3	4 5:30PM Tree Lighting	5 Brown Bag Discussion 10:30AM Employee Rec. Day @ Priory 7PM-Oldie's But Goodies Dance @ St. Rose	6 9AM-Flea Market @ St. Rose
7	8	9 Meeting 11:30AM-Senior Adv. Xmas Party @ St. Joe's Special 6PM-NCC Choir Concert @ St. Joe's \$5.00 TB Screening 9:00AM - 1:00AM	10 Brown Bag Payment 2PM-Staff mtg.	11 3:30PM DONUTS TRIP 6:30PM CHATHAM PLAYH.	12	13
14	15	16 9AM-WNJR 6PM-Res/ Mgt/SS mtg.	17	18	19	20 Special 6PMKwanzza Cel. @ Rec. Center
21	22 3:30-4:30PM Christmas Open House	23	24 Hannukkah Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29 3:30PM Donuts	30	31 New Year's Eve	*NC Choir Concert @ ST. Joe's - Dec. 9th at 6PM- Tickets \$5.00 *MLK Scholarship Fund Dinner		

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